

November 14, 2003

**DEFENSE BASE ACT and  
WAR HAZARDS COMPENSATION ACT WORKSHOP**

Due to overwhelming demand, the Department of Labor, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, will conduct a one day workshop on the Defense Base Act and the War Hazards Compensation Act. The date of the workshop is Monday, **December 15, 2003**. It will be held in Conference Room N-4437 of the Department of Labor Frances Perkins Building at 200 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC. The seminar will begin at 9:00 am, with registration beginning at 8:30 am.

This workshop will address the issues of Defense Base Act and War Hazards Compensation Act coverage, Defense Base Act waivers, insurance requirements under the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, the responsibilities of federal agency contracting officers, the benefits available to employees and eligible survivors in the event of injury or death, and the proper procedures for filing claims under both Acts.

The Longshore Act provides for serious consequences to an employer who is uninsured for its Defense Base Act exposure. This includes liability for criminal prosecution and possible personal liability for corporate officers. It is important for all parties involved in U.S. government contracts overseas to understand the scope of Defense Base Act and War Hazards Compensation Act coverage in light of the current level of activities of private sector government contractors throughout the world. We encourage contractors with employees currently working overseas, prospective employers interested in overseas contracts, and federal agency contracting officers who manage these contracts to attend this workshop.

Attendance at the workshop is free of charge. A final agenda and additional information will be posted on or before December 8, 2003 on our website at <http://www.dol.gov/esa/owcp/dlhwc/lstable.htm>.

Please pass this Notice along to anyone you know who has an interest in the Defense Base Act and the War Hazards Compensation Act.

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** Please call Jack Martone (202) 693-0925 of this Office or e-mail the name of each attendee from your organization, along with your telephone number and mailing address to [DLHWC-Public@dol.gov](mailto:DLHWC-Public@dol.gov) if you plan to attend.

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## **Defense Base Act/War Hazards Compensation Act Workshop**

**December 15, 2003**

**9:00 am to 5:00 pm**

**U.S. Department of Labor  
Auditorium, Frances Perkins Building  
200 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20210**

### **Agenda**

#### **A. Defense Base Act**

1. What is the Defense Base Act?
2. Scope of Coverage
3. OWCP Insurance Requirements
4. Defense Base Act Waivers
5. Benefits under the Defense Base Act
6. Claims Reporting and Processing under the Defense Base Act
7. The FAR and Federal Government Contracts

#### **B. War Hazards Compensation Act**

1. What is the War Hazards Compensation Act?
2. Scope of Coverage
3. War Hazards Compensation Act Reimbursement claims: When, Where, and How

The workshop is free of charge, but space is limited. **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** RSVP by calling (202) 693-0038, or by email at [DLHWC-Public@dol.gov](mailto:DLHWC-Public@dol.gov).